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1897.

The competition for the above com-  
menced on the 11th inst. and brought out  
quite an unforeseen number of players—  
more than 14 men, and the following  
were the victors: The Links, 42m.6, we believe  
under the misapprehension that they were  
competing under handicap and some with  
the laudable hope, that they might upset  
the general opinion that the final would be  
between our two leading golfers. The  
links, as the day wore on, were not fa-  
voured, but bet that as it may, they all  
seem to be the fore and the preliminary  
ties of 18 holes were played off and the match  
in the end, after the first wedding out  
were in several instances keen and were  
very close. The following is the record  
up to, to date, and was very full com-  
menced in this notice:—

**FIRST ROUND.**  
 Mr C. E. Hume beat Mr E. A. Ram by 4 up and 3 to play; Mr C. A. Tomes beat Mr V. A. C. Hawkins by 4 up and 3 to play; Mr G. Stewart beat Com. Taylor, R.N., by 5 up and 4 to play; Mr A. S. Anton beat Lieut. Farie, R.N., by 6 up and 5 to play; Mr C. W. May beat Major Grant Phillips by 5 up and 4 to play; Capt. G. F. Fotherby beat Mr T. N. Howard by 5 up and 5 to play; Mr H. L. Dalrymple beat Lieut. Plummer by 5 up and 4 to play and Capt. R. M. Runney, R.N., beat Mr F. J. Baddeley by 3 up and 2 to play.

SECOND ROUND.

Mr C. A. Toines beat Mr C. E. Hunt by 2 up and 1 to play; Mr A. S. Antebent Mr G. Stewart by 1 hole; Capt. C. E. Phillips beat Mr C. W. May by 6 and 4 to play, and Mr H. L. Dalrymple beat Capt. R. M. Ramsey, R.N., by 2 and 1 to play.

SEMI-FINAL.

Mr A. S. Anton beat Mr C. A. Ton by 1 hole, and Capt. G. F. Phillips beat Mr H. L. Dalrymple by 4 up and 3 to play.

FINAL.

For this it was arranged between players that the round should be a continuous one of 36 holes—an unusual if unprecedented course, we believe, in East, where the heat is considerable and test of endurance forms a large factor in result—and the occasion was availed of ask the ladies to grace with their presence and pretty frocks the Club's 'At Home' on the 22nd inst. A large number availed themselves of the invitation, and it was gratifying to see many of them, after heat of the sun's rays had somewhat abated, sitting on the lawn, looking on at the

following the play in the new houses, and of them with very keen interest. The Band of the West Yorkshire Regiment under the talented leadership of Mr W W Bentley, was by the kindness and courtesy of Colonel Gordon and the officers permitted to assist in the entertainment of the guests and by the rendering of a choicely selected programme conducted very materially to the pleasure of the afternoon.

Play was continued in the second round, with Phillips leading 4-3 in the first hole in a contest Mr. Anton's 5; next two holes fell to the latter in 4's; fourth was taken in 4 by Phillips, and fifth halved in 3; the next three 4's were won by Anton, and the round opened with Phillips leading 2 up. In the second round both got mixed up in the ditch, and the hole was given up to Phillips, not ed out—and (here a word of advice to young players—never give up a hole unless every possible *chance* is exhausted). After making a hole in 3, Phillips was out more than one or two occasions during the play—who took the eleventh hole in 4; the next five holes were taken by Anton—four 4's and a 5—the sixth and seventh and eighth holes were halved in 3's, and the round closed on the 18th hole. During this second round a couple of strokes by Anton are worthy of record, at any rate on these links they combine to establish a record. Going to the long hole, he took it in 10, and the next hole in 11.

good a lie; he took his iron, came row of 34 ft. hurdles 130 yards distant and found his ball 26 yards beyond the hole—a drive of 195 yards, with but a little wind at his back.

The heat, which was fairly tropical, began to tell a bit, and the play on the wide left field was lively. And he blew his hair, his hands and Phillips playing an unsteady and weak game. He topped and topped his ball, Phillips something similar, both finding their way in an unimportant narrow dry ditch given up to Phillips: twentieth hole in 4, the next going to his opponent and the next two taken by Phillips; the twenty-fourth hole was credited to Anton and the last 36 of the match was won by Phillips 1 up on the 37, leaving Anton 4 up on the 27 holes. Then, again, leading negotiated the

four holes in 63, which were taken by Phillips 5, 5, 4, 5, and at this point game was all even. Driving to the second hole Phillips got into a water trap but succeeded in halving the hole; and even so five holes more were needed to win. The hole Phillips went hard for and he and his opponent were both hard and lay close under them far side; Anton missed his stroke, the ball falling short, though clear, of the hole. The hole halved in 5, and still all even. It is said Anton, who had been a good put out by his damaged hand, clenched his teeth and went in for a good stroke. The ball followed his opponent's ball a long hole. This was badly played by both men, Anton taking it in 6 (though he should have been halved, if not by Phillips), as he did also the next or penultimate hole. At this point Anton had been the playing of a Scotch man upon the balance. The next hole was won by Anton as he distinguished themselves by a good stroke. Anton who was over in two strokes more to get down, but secured a hole, which might have been halved. The next hole was halved and the match was won by Anton—2 up and 1 to play.

Taking the game all round the result was certainly not up to the mark. The second round was a second round for the 9 holes was won by Phillips 42 in the first round against 46; the remaining rounds varied from 42 to 48; the last eight holes were won by Phillips in 43 and by Anton in 44, showing that both men were pretty

The winner received warm congratulations from his many friends, they being very much in evidence on the occasion, and all we have to add is to the hope that he will persevere in the work which he is admirably constituted of which he gives every promise to a first-class exponent.

The members of the Club demonstrated their high appreciation of the so gracefully shown by the ladies on occasion, and of their kindly part which lent so much to the success of the day.—Contributed.

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## NORTHERN NOTES.

The Kiang-ying correspondent of the N. C. Daily News writes:—

**SUPERSTITION AND ANTI-FOREIGN RUMOURS.**

Your correspondent has just returned from a visit to the neighbouring town of Wusich, where there is some operation on cotton mill and where the anti-foreign rumours are still true. The superstition that human blood is the best cement for high structures, it is commonly reported and firmly believed by many, that when the foundation for the smoke-stack for this factory was laid a child was sacrificed. Its blood was poured out and the body put in the foundation and again, subsequently a great deal of blood was poured out while others laid the foundation stones. The following statement for granted, and as a matter of course. Minute details of the purchase of the child from an opium-smoker, shall for a few dollars are given, and who shall say that this report is not true.

The mill is owned and entirely run by Chinese capital. Foreigners have had no thing to do with it further than putting the machinery in position after the buildings were completed. 'There are numerous bridges whose stability is said to have been thus secured,' says an old and learned scholar of China and her ways. Is it not possible that the probability is in favour of the truth of this report rather than the reverse? For it must be remembered that human sacrifice can be proved among the people to no late a date as 1864. At the same time it may be of interest to note that the south-west of Wusich, bordering

the Great Lake, there is a rumour in point. It is commonly reported and apparently believed that, a few years since, two servants of a nobleman were found dead. Two girls were buried alive with their mistress. They were provided with rice and candles for the former to sustain, the latter to light them and their mistress on the road to the nether world.

HOW FACTS ARE DISTORTED.

Since the riot at this place last May the Wushieh people have been growing more and more outspoken in hatred; more abusive

and more insulting to the foreigners who are giving their lives for the good of the people who malign them. Hand in hand with this goes a curious mixture of reports throughout this whole region concerning Russian subjection to China. All Russia has suddenly become alive to the grandeur of Confucius teaching, and is scrambling to be initiated into the mysteries of the Master's language and teaching. Great numbers of Chinese scholars have been invited to Russia. The superior in utility and so great in dignified elegance has the Chinese costume suddenly been found to be, that its adoption is becoming universal, while the Czar wears

a crown made, by special order, on the Ming dynasty model! The supreme elegance and conceit with which 'a young budding talent' can make these statements would be laughable were it not pitiful. They have been aptly called 'amiable idiots!'

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his (the juror's) birth-day. Another  
juror was for acquitting a prisoner  
had robbed a man that had refused to  
him money, which, in his opinion, was  
direct incentive to crime! In Ceylon

Few people, says the *Army and Gazette*, have any idea of the extent which Hong Kong forms a base for foreign men-of-war during peace-time. Last January Germany had four men-of-war in harbour, one of which was docked; Russia was represented by two, including the famous *Rurik* which in February pro-

ed into the Admiralty Dock for a fortnight so blocking the way for the *Centurion*, which had to have her torn sheets of paper and loose stowage replaced where she stood the ground. It is a fact that foreign ships of war can be docked with their explosions on board, but not so British men-of-war. We thus have the curious state of affairs that the *Burik* left free to blow herself and dock up if war breaks out in the interval while the *Centurion* has to make her still more unready for war prior to entering dock by clearing her main

Besides the above ships the United States was represented by two ships, of which one was the *Olympia*, France by one ship, China, Holland, and Portugal had their representative. In January the German ships were docked; in February one Spanish ship was docked; in March the Portuguese ship was docked; in April one Spanish gunboat was launched.

commissioned at Hongkong; in November, 1894, one Russian, one Portuguese, and one German man-of-war docked; in December, 1894, one German and one United States man-of-war docked. The Germans carry out their exercises in the vicinity of Hongkong, and the desire is attributed to them of establishing a foothold in China, in Mire Bay, adjoining Hongkong, Amoy.

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